THIRD GRADE DRAMA TARGETS

ANALYZING DRAMA Students will analyze the basic elements of drama and critique performance and production.	LEARNING DRAMA SKILLS Students will learn the drama skills of relaxation, concentration, imagination, movement, voice, sensory/emotional recall, characterization, and ensemble work.
Identify and discuss the beginning, major conflict, middle, climax, and end in a story. Identify and discuss complications and how they get in the way of what the main character wants most in a story; e.g., weather, relationships, unexpected events (from without); pride, jealousy, greed, loneliness (from within). Identify and ask about anything in the story not understood. Identify and discuss the meaning of the story.	Practice relaxing, concentrating, and imagining; e.g., use guided visualizations, listen to music, meditate. Practice movement skills and vocal skills (pitch, tempo, tone, breath control, diction, and projection) in a variety of ways; e.g., vocal exercises, story dramatization, choral reading, reader's theatre, puppetry. Practice sensory recall for all five senses; e.g., constructing 3-D adventures, soundscapes, zip-lock bags of smells, strange taste experiments, mystery touch box. Practice listening and contributing based on what others say when planning and acting out dramatic presentations in small group (ensemble work).
CONSTRUCTING DRAMA Students will use drama skills to construct, perform and evaluate their own dramatic presentations.	CONTEXTUALIZING DRAMA Students will explore meanings as they connect drama experiences with personal preferences, their world, and other times, places, cultures, and curricula.
Create improvised scenes in which sense memories play an important role - hearing, seeing, tasting, touching, or smelling imaginary things. Create a scene in which a crisis is based on one of the five senses. Create dramatizations with a major conflict and then add some complications (audience or non-audience); e.g., the major conflict in the story of Columbus, a navigator is his battle against unknown waters, but other complications arise like lack of food, disease, and the threat of mutiny from those who still believe the world is flat. Evaluate work and plan improvements, then repeat the above targets.	Compare and contrast the use of complications in stories read silently, heard aloud, and experienced through electronic media and explain preferences. Keep a personal sensory log of interesting smells, tastes, touches, sights, and sounds discovered away from school; discuss feelings they generate and explain preferences. Research and discuss how the five senses are important to other cultures; compare and contrast the findings with own culture. Connect drama with other curricula; e.g., integrate drama work with other subjects.